GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:228
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2002
HAWALA MONEY
RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have invited the attention of the British Foreign Secretary in regard to use of British soilto funnel Hawala money to Hurriyat Conference and Dukhtaran-e-Milat during his recent visit in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and his response thereto;

(c) whether any operators of the Hawala money have been apprehended by the Government;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent flow of such money and its use by the militants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 228 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 30TH 2002

(a) & (b): The government has apprised the British authorities about the reported use of British soil for channelising funds to the secessionists/terrorist groups/terrorists operating in J&K. British Government is seized of the matter and their police is investigating all credible allegations of fund raising for such groups and would be taking action where there is sufficient evidence to do so.

(c) & (d): A number of persons, including Imtiyaz Ahmed Bazaz and Syed Ali Shah Geelani, suspected to have been a part of such funding channels have been arrested in both J&K and Delhi in recent months along with recovery of large amount of cash and other incriminating documents. Investigations are in progress.

(e): Government will continue to pursue this matter at appropriate levels with the British authorities.

Intelligence agencies, concerned agencies of the Ministry of Finance, and State Police have also been sensitized to upgrade their operational coordination for tackling the menace of terrorist funding in all its dimensions.